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Sunflower and Ike fire update:

Williams, Ariz., August 02, 2016—For Immediate Release. The two fires southeast of Williams that are being utilized to accomplish forest health objectives received more rain yesterday stalling their spread temporarily. The Sunflower and Ike fires have shown little growth but continued to slowly creep and smolder under the canopies as rains sustained throughout the afternoon.

“This is to be expected with the wet weather we are receiving” said Incident Commander Kaleb Krogen. “However a resurgence in activity can also be anticipated within a couple days when drier air returns to the area. In the meantime crews will continue to monitor weather and survey fuels and terrain ahead of the fires preparing for the next several days.”

SUNFLOWER / IKE FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: July 20, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: West of Sunflower Flat and White Horse Lake close at the junction of forest roads 747 and 14.

Current Size: Sunflower fire - approximately 304 acres. / Ike fire approximately .2 acres.

Incident Commander: Cody Payne ICT4 / Kaleb Krogen ICT4T.

Resources: One-11 person fuels crew, one-Type 4 engine, one-Type 3 engine, three-Type 6 engines, and two-Patrol units. Total personnel assigned is 33.

Current Status: Crews have taken advantage of the wet weather staying well ahead of the fire completing the preparation work needed. Both fires are experiencing very minimal activity at this time.

Smoke: Smoke production has been nominal as a result of the docile fire activity over the past several days and will likely follow this pattern until dryer weather returns.

A Forest Area Closure Order ([#07-16-09-F Map](#)) remains in effect in the vicinity of both fires. Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources: InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4884/> <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4885/> ; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404

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